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THE WARREN REPORT AND THE JFK ASSASSINATION: FIVE DECADES OF SIGNIFICANT DISCLOSURES

The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy published its conclusions in an official report which was presented to President Lyndon Johnson on September 24, 1964 and made available to the general public on September 27, 1964. Fifty years later, the AARC 2014 Conference brought together forty-four prominent authors, historians, physicians, lawyers, forensic scientists, and investigative journalists to discuss the current state of research into President Kennedy's murder.

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let's give ourselves a hand for being here and being gung-ho and being awake thank you all so much for attending Who am I and why I am here why am I here I'm the Admiral Stockdale of the JFK research community my name is Allen Dale I'm the host of an online interview program called JFK Lancer conversations which features one-on-one conversation with extraordinary scholars people of consequence in the story of our unfolding efforts to come to a deeper understanding have greater confidence that our understanding is based upon reason and knowledge and I'm honored to be a host and your emcee for the next several minutes depending upon how well I do it could last throughout the entire conference we will begin in just a moment I should simply acknowledge that during the course of an event such as this there will be disagreement there will be people making claims or making statements or referring to alleged facts with which some of us will disagree but I'm hopeful that we will we will abide by the idea of amicable disagreement and confine confine our expressions of disapproval too polite hissing and booing and because we can do that before

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booing and because we can do that before we get into the main part of our program today which is an extraordinary program featuring the work of extraordinary scholars I have the honor of introducing the president of the a a our Sea the American Association for respiratory care has been here for 25 years and we what no no I'm going to read first I'll put on my glasses an appropriate acknowledgement of her friend Jim Lazar mr. Lazar is an attorney and an historical researcher he testified before the a ARB on the issue of how the term Kennedy assassination records should be defined he has represented Jeff Morley in a 10 or perhaps even 11 year battle with the CIA over records of an intelligence officer named George Johnny DS which I think culminated recently with judge Richard Leon declaring that assassination related records should still be kept secret because that was reasonable according to Judge Leon he is the president of the assassination archives and research center he's a leader in the campaign to compel disclosure of the JFK records which have now been kept secret fully for half a century it's my pleasure to introduce Jim Lazar thank you very much for attending this was a first let me begin by giving a little bit of background about the AARC the AARC was founded in 1984 by Budd finsterwald jr.

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founded in 1984 by Budd finsterwald jr. Bernard finsterwald jr. we know him as bud he was a prominent Washington DC attorney in and later became most famous for having written the letter on behalf of James McCord to judge Sirica which resulted in the opening of the water gates the bursting of the Watergate scandal he had in 1969 he had left his employment on Capitol Hill as a as chief counsel of a Senate committee and entered private practice and at the same time founded the committee to investigate assassinations which was a predecessor of the AARC in 1984 he decided that a new and different organization was needed and so he founded the assassination archives and research center and I joined him in that effort but he was the primary force behind the organization and remained so until his death in 1992 the purpose of the AARC is to obtain preserve and disseminate information on political assassinations

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information on political assassinations we do that in a number of ways you know we have gathered enormous amounts of materials from other researchers under the Freedom of Information Act from contacts with the news media the collection is enormous we have over a million pages of and and more than 24 drawer file cabinets crammed with all kinds of records after Budds death and the technological revolution came about we switched our focus and began digitizing records about a million pages that had been obtained under the Freedom of Information Act and which later were made available under the JFK Records Act the purpose of course while we we are continuing and as you will hear later this morning we are going to renew our efforts to get information out under the Freedom of Information Act and through other means the the organization also has used conferences such as this to disseminate information and ideas that we feel worthy of consideration the members of our board of directors our very distinguished professionals who have dedicated years of service to this organization and many of them are

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organization and many of them are speakers at this conference this conference also has an extraordinary amount of talent assembled here to address some of the issues that are before the American people as regards the Kennedy assassination we can't begin to cover all of them but we will make our best efforts today to get at some of the most critical ones thank you at this time I'm going to introduce Jerry polikov and Jerry is a longtime researcher very familiar presence a reporter an author he's specialized in the role of the media in reporting on the various political assassinations he's been published in three book anthologies in The New York Times The Washington star the New Times for whom he were for which he covered the House Select Committee on assassinations broke several exclusive news stories who commented in the Village Voice Rolling Stone the realist and others he was the first to break the story in New Times that acoustics analysis performed for the House Select Committee on assassinations determined that shots had been fired from the front establishing at least two gunmen and he's a good guy allow me to introduce one of our hosts Jerry polikov I really want to thank everybody for being here today I've been working on this conference for about Oh eight months I think nine months I think I started looking for a place to hold it

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I started looking for a place to hold it in January and I never dreamed it just took on a life of its own and and I'm so thrilled to be here today because I really thought we could put a great conference on but I never thought we'd have Antonio Vecchio Anna and and Bo Wesley Frazier and who's never done one of these and obviously Vienna hasn't either and so many people helped make all of that happen Marie FONSI and Tony summers and for now Oh Renauld Amon D and you know when we first I mean it started with me kind of just asking Marie if she could ask Antonio if you would come and it just and I never thought it would happen and I don't think she did either but this is an historic weekend I mean there are people here that have never done anything like this before and they were their witnesses to history and we're gonna make history this weekend I think the first I want to thank our media partners we ended up having I think close to 20 partners and they're in the program I believe and and all of those things came together just you know make it

wonderful and and we got a little little bit of a late start because we didn't have a website that was capable of really handling what we needed to do and we didn't want to promote the conference until we did have a website because we wanted people to be able to go and say I'm coming but I think we made up a lot of time and I think again this is just going to be an amazing weekend we have a lot of great panels my own panel tomorrow the media panel and and by the way I want to say there have been some changes in the schedule and we'll try to get a printout so you can

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we'll try to get a printout so you can see those there you know they all affect tomorrow they're minor but I want everybody to know what's what and we'll try to get that printed up and put that out there my topic and we've expanded the length of our program from 45 minutes to 55 minutes is the blurry lines between the media and the intelligence community and as Alan said I've specialized in the role of the media through the years and it's it's not a proud one and what I'm going to try to highlight tomorrow is so many journalists that have actually covered this case through the years and their managers and their owners that have interlocking connections with the intelligence community and we all hold back to to operation Mockingbird we know that the CIA was very intent in controlling the media and I think when you look at the Kennedy assassination you see textbook proof that they were pretty successful the well and that's actually all I have to say I wanna introduce Andrew just walk in Denis Andrew Craig and I really want to and by the way I want to thank the board everybody that it's it's everything swimming through my head because I'm so overwhelmed by how this thing finally came together and it was the work of a lot of people and the support of Jim who bankrolled it and yes but Andrew Craig I met him two years ago in Pittsburgh when I had four years ago in Pittsburgh at Netroots nation when we had lunch with Cyril Wecht and you know and he runs the justice integrity project which is and it's in itself very important it performs a great role and

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important it performs a great role and he's very interested in the Kennedy assassination he's written quite a bit about that on his website in his book presidential puppetry and he asked me if he could present here and I I said he could and the more he looked at what we were doing the more he got excited and he is also a media and publicity and promotional whiz and when they said Jerry I want to do the promotion and the publicity for this event and he's done an amazing job and I don't think we could have pulled it off without him so I want to introduce Andrew Craig well thank you Jerry and all of you and I'm just thrilled to be able to talk about what I think is one of the most important questions for this audience and in fact more widely throughout America why should anybody care about this now it may seem obvious to you but I can say that as a longtime Washington reporter and lawyer I run into reporters who say well we're covering the news that happened 50 years ago we've got things to cover now I encounter relatives and friends who say well what can anyone do it's the past it's done well I'd like to provide a reaction to both of those thoughts first of all what can anyone do those of you here in attendance those watching from afar those reading and thinking and talking about this are already doing something we just need more of it most of my talk though is going to be why it matters why people should want to do it because it

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people should want to do it because it affects what we call the news today just this week to take a couple of examples someone jumped over the White House fence and everyone's thinking all these stories the Secret Service and maybe a shake-up or changes to restrict public access and we're filled with this but who's thinking about the murder of the president in broad daylight with no real accountability despite documented many instances of irregular procedures by the Secret Service another thing in the news is a potential war that may last many years Congress is thinking about authorizing it well the the the the granddaddy of all of those incidents in many ways is the Gulf of Tonkin incident which rushed the United States into war in Vietnam in 1964 at great cost and we know that President Kennedy in 1963 at a speech here in Washington American University planned on peaceful more peaceful coexistence he was in October of 1963 he issued

an order of indicating publicly his determination to phase down in Vietnam so what started in 1963 was a very historic development that leads to today's news I'd like to show right now if I could the thoughts of the one

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if I could the thoughts of the one prosecutor who filed criminal charges in the murder of this in the effort to solve this crime this is Jim Garrison the New Orleans District Attorney from 1961 to have I think it was 1972 and he's giving a speech here in 1967 responding to a vicious attack and see NBC that was part of a really nationwide smear campaign against him for prosecuting a New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw on charges on a charge of conspiracy to murder the president and partly because of the smear partly for other reasons there there may be reasons that one can analyze in a scholarly way the career of Jim Garrison is prosecution and you're gonna hear more about this at the conference but here are some lasting words that go to our question why should we care about this and could we please start approximately a 30-second video then I encourage all of you to read of the Warren Report the President Kennedy was killed by a lone assassin is a fairy tale this does not mean that the men on the Warren Commission were aware at the time that their conclusion was totally untrue nor does it mean necessarily that these men had any sinister motives it does mean that conclusion that no conspiracy exists and that Lee Oswald was the lone assassin as they fixed and a myth and that it could be brought to an end the people of this country don't have to be protected from the truth this

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have to be protected from the truth this country was not built on the idea that a handful of Nobles whether located in our federal agencies in Washington DC or in the news agencies in New York to decide what was good for the people to know and what they did not know this is a totalitarian concept which presumes that the leaders of our federal government and the men in control of the powerful press media constitute a special elite which by virtue of their nobility and their brilliance and power than to think for the people personally I would rather put my country in a common sense of the people is this not the truth about the assassination of the president has been concealed from you long enough those forces which are fighting so hard today to tell you that they have examined the Warren Report and that everything is fine and that our investigation has uncovered nothing are not merely going to lose this part they have already lost now let me tell you why President Kennedy was murdered and how he was murdered I I think you want that well that's what you're going to get over the next two and a half days and it's from a panel of 45 experts medical doctors lawyers historians and well I should say that he alleges and many revelations have indicated since the Warren Commission report that there was an interlocking operation that involved intelligence agencies Cuban exiles who wanted to overthrow Castro mafia bad guys I was tempted to say

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mafia bad guys I was tempted to say triggermen but that's too detailed we're trying to keep this on a general plain and and you can see for yourself the details but that's what his he was talking about and he was made to seem like a pariah crazy talk and and and younger people should understand that those of us who are a bit older remember how Universal the acclaim was for the Warren Commission report there's there's almost never been any political historical document that met with such instantaneous Universal approval by virtually all of the media Oswald did it Oswald did it he acted alone he did it end of investigation there's a memo from the Justice Department three days after the killing from the number two person at the Justice Department to Bill Moyers who was handling this for the new President Lyndon Johnson and it says the most important thing is to reassure the American public on this and it was only after that that the Warren Commission was appointed an all-star blue-ribbon panel that was supposed to be and always billed as the most thorough crime investigation in US history but we're going to see you're going to see that the conclusion was foreordained it was like a prosecution on Oswald right from the beginning and later coming up in this event we're going to have a special

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this event we're going to have a special message from Oliver Stone who did the path-breaking movie JFK that helped lead to or it was part of the process that Jim woods are was instrumental in as so many of you have been in releasing more and more documents but the the crown jewels are still being withheld the secrets that are in those documents are being withheld from the American people despite the 1992 JFK act that mandated their release now those who focus on the news just yesterday Attorney General Eric Holder announced that he planned to resign and there's a very predictable partisan back-and-forth did he do a good job well he did and other people say he didn't well I I commentator on the major radio station in New Orleans by coincidence Jim Garrison saw him and they've invited me to comment later this morning on his resignation and I'm going to go just as this is a bipartisan nonpartisan inquiry and what I'm gonna say and wwl later this morning is that I'm gonna leave it to other people this back and forth this partisan thing but there are major issues of justice integrity including release of these documents on the JFK case that he has not addressed none of them address only you and and the wider audience can pressure from the bottom up now I'm going to conclude now and leave it to the next part of this truly historic program with two quick thoughts you're gonna hear a lot about

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undercover intelligence and all of this stuff and I don't think you people are gonna be floored by it but I can tell you that my context in the meet in the media you know their day to day they they don't they think this is some conspiracy this can't be true well here's two things for them anyone who uses that term conspiracy should admit that the source of that talk is a CIA memo in April 1967 to attack Jim Garrison and they asked all of their contacts in the media to use the term conspiracy theory and this is partly what Jerry is going to be talking about at the media panel and they still use it as evidence by this week's Washington big washing post story about this event it's all conspiracy and who are the legitimate critics well they picked up reading those who wrote it and Lyndon Johnson as the legitimate critics but it turns out the criticism isn't really of substance well you heard Jim Garrison accurately described that there are huge holes in it for one thing tomorrow you're gonna see actors reading from a secret transcript where the Warren Commission found out that Oswald was a paid FBI informant and Allen Dulles who President Kennedy had forced out of office in 1961 took the lead in this you're gonna see any how to handle this because it didn't fit their lone nut' conclusion if Oswald the former Marine with a high-level security clearance was shown to be an asset not just of the FBI but of other

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asset not just of the FBI but of other agencies so that's a bit of prediction and mitai nee bit of my own background I'm focused on current affairs so I approach this backwards just like I hope a lot of listeners do to understand current affairs by understanding our past and I highly recommend that and in in my own researches on current news stories I saw often there's a hidden component that doesn't fit the law it doesn't fit journalism what is it quite often it's National Intelligence and often for good motives I reveal in my book presidential puppetry that my mother who was quite famous in her day authored an investigative reporter was actually a secret CIA operative it's so it's the same thing as Clay Shaw it's same thing as James Bond if you look at the movies he didn't say I'm a British spy he said I work in the import-export business that's exactly what Clay Shaw was doing and Valerie flame because nobody's going to ask questions this kind of sounds kind of boring right imports exports but it allows you to do all kinds of international things finally in an in conclusion here's why this is a unique week in American history and a unique conference and congratulations for being here last year was the 50th anniversary of the killing and while that should be justly memorialized there were a lot of kind of conflicting messages while the loss of the great president where were you the legacy but very little emphasis on

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the legacy but very little emphasis on the evidence who did it and why and this year it's a fiftieth anniversary

of the report on the evidence there'll never be another 50th particular when they're people alive who were from that era who can talk authoritative Lee like they're doing at this conference so this is unique it's the last chance really for a big anniversary to look into this and understand why it's important to you to history and to our entire country thank you very much I had been asked to also speak on the issue of Yui this conference matters the the issue is actually broader than that it is why the assassination of President Kennedy matters and I would like to begin by acknowledging that this conference has been made possible because of a substantial donation by Abbie rockefeller Abbie we all thank you very much the in speaking with Abbi Rockefeller she told me that she had been convinced

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she told me that she had been convinced that despite the passage of time the issue was still of great importance because she had recently read Jim Douglas book the unspeakable and which in my opinion is the is the best it's almost unique in the sense that very few works have tried to go into that issue we have focused on trying to prove there was more than one assassin or what were the forces behind the assassination but on the issue of why it matters Jim Douglas book is of great importance regardless of whether or not you agree with it in part or in whole it's important to be aware of it and Abbie asked me if we were going to invite Jim Douglas she hoped that we would I said that we had tried but that unfortunately his writing commitments prohibited it the the this conference matters because for several reasons one of course is that over the past several decades since the issuance of the Warren Report there has been a profound decline in trust in government and in the press that has affected American life tremendously in addition to the JFK assassination we had in in the 1960s a trifecta of political assassinations Martin Luther King Robert

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assassinations Martin Luther King Robert Kennedy and John F Kennedy that profoundly shifted the political power in the United States the political spectrum the liberal left part of the spectrum was wiped out and the devastating consequences of that still follow us today and in my view they will follow us until we finally come to grips with the Kennedy assassination and address it as we need to now in a sense it's a bit surprising that we should need to address it at all because we were promised in 1992 Congress enacted the JFK the president John F Kennedy assassination records collection Act of 1992 for short the JFK act and that act mandated the release of all records related to the Kennedy assassination prompted Lee the act had been caused by in large part by Oliver Stone's movie JFK and a tag line on that movie which had been suggested by a Kennedy assassination researcher and at one time a member of the aar C's Board of Directors Kevin Walsh Walsh had suggested that to stone that he inserted a tag line saying that the records were being withheld until 2039 that caused an enormous public outpouring I was told I've been told that it was the largest public outcry to Congress that there had ever been to

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to Congress that there had ever been to that date and it resulted in the JFK Act which Congress unanimously unanimously passed specifying that all records should be promptly released that hasn't happened the assassination records Review Board which was the enforcement arm of the JFK act did a remarkable job in getting released many thousands of documents that had been previously withheld by various federal government agencies however it also had some flaws and the and one of them is that there since the the review board went out of existence in 1998 there is no enforcement arm to see that records continue to be disclosed the CIA at present is withholding thousands of pages of documents in their entirety and more in part refusing to release them until at least 2017 and it's uncertain what will occur in 2017 the this frankly is an outrage the the founding fathers of this country were profoundly interested in history and its impact and they understood that that in order to be their own governor's a

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order to be their own governor's a people must arm themselves with the power that knowledge gives we have been deprived and are being deprived of that power so we don't know we were told that the JFK act would enable us to reach our own conclusions about what happened but we don't know substantial parts of that question because of the continued withholding by the CIA and the National Archives the National Archives role in this is particularly disturbing yeah its mission is to release records to the public to get access to historical records to the public and the public has demonstrated again and again that the subject that people are most interested in is the Kennedy assassination yet the archives continues to withhold those records and it does so at the behest of its sister agency the CIA the National Archives is not supposed to be a burial ground for records it is supposed to make them public it hasn't the so the one of the issues that needs to be addressed at this conference is how to get the records released we've made over the past several years there's been a concerted campaign led by myself and other supporters to try and get these records released the National

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these records released the National Archives in 2010 actually said in response to questions that I posed at a public forum that the records would be released by the end of 2013 because under an executive order issued by President Obama some four hundred million pages of historical records were supposed to be released by the end of 2013 deputy archivist Michael Kurtz said that that would happen that the JFK act records would be included in that really in those releases the following year however the National Archives reneged on its promise and it has continued to oppose release of the records since then I sent a letter to the national archivist requesting that he inviting him to appear at this conference to address the issue of the withholding of these records through a spokesman who telephoned me one day he declined to do that now the the conference matters with respect to the the functioning of the JFK act law there has been no congressional oversight of that legislation the ledge the JFK act was novel it was the most liberal disclosure information act ever passed yet Congress has not looked into either

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yet Congress has not looked into either what went right with it or what went wrong with it it is time that there was a congressional oversight of the functioning of the JFK act and the assassination records review board the the what we have learned under the Freedom of Information Act and and through the investigative efforts of of reporter Jefferson Morley who became my client in the effort to get records on George Jo Ann Edie's reveals a further need for Congress to become involved in this issue what was established as a result of that lawsuit and the work of Jefferson Morley was that the last official investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy was subverted by an agency that itself was the focus of the congressional investigative efforts this strikes directly at the principle of democratic accountability there is the hallmark of democratic accountability is the power of Congress to investigate wrongdoing by executive agencies that has not occurred with respect to what we now know that the case officer for the d-r-e George

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case officer for the d-r-e George Johanna DS was brought out of retirement to work in an undercover capacity as liaison with the House Select Committee on investigations they were pursuing the obviously important issue of Oswald's relationship to the d-r-e because ours Oswald had been involved in activities prior to the assassination which which were connected to the d-r-e and the neither Joe and Edie's nor the CIA ever informed the congressional committee that Joe and Edie's was the case officer they were looking for and they stole stonewalled requests for information about D re and Oswald this is not a dead issue the issue has been raised recently by these Senate intelligence committees investigation into CIA's torture policy and practices and it has been disclosed and the CIA has now admitted that its staff lied to Congress and interfered with the investigation of the Senate Intelligence Committee it is it is a sign of some very cautious optimism that

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sign of some very cautious optimism that at last a Senate committee has begun to look critically at the activities of a the CIA with respect to a congressional oversight committee however as Nancy Pelosi was recently quoted as saying Congress is afraid of the CIA now that is absolutely devastating there can be no democratic accountability if Congress is afraid of an agency that it should be investigating we need to get that issue raised again in connection with the failure with with the CIA's activities regarding the investigation by the House Select Committee on assassinations this topic will be explored very shortly by dan hardway and Eddie Lopez and professor G Robert Blakey who were staff members or in the case of Blakey the chief counsel for the House Select Committee on assassinations it's an issue that deserves the closest attention thank you very much before we continue I'd like to make a couple of acknowledgments the first is

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couple of acknowledgments the first is I've noticed that Lisa piece is freezing so anyone with a flask or perhaps some coffee should find their way into mrs. piece and I know that will be much appreciated someone left a sweater in the executive suite it's pink I believe it belongs to Bill Simba yes it may be available mr. lazaar just referred to a couple of things that I think are worthy of comment especially in the context of the people who are in this room because imitation is the sincerest form of plagiarism I will say that this may be the greatest gathering of intelligence in talent ever assembled in one place with the possible exception of when JFK dined alone Jim referred to the National Archives and the problems associated with having access gaining permission finding the materials that we are theoretically entitled to I would tell you that in the room is probably certainly a most distinguished scholar and a supremely influential person behind the scenes my friend Malcolm Blount who's over here Malcolm we should give Malcolm the hand Malcolm will tell us quite a lot on Sunday at I think 10:00 a.m. that that even with permission and even with the action on his behalf make it personal when you know the right people to act on your behalf still doesn't mean you're gonna get what you're seeking you know the other thing I think I would like to refer to is that with regard to the success and the immeasurable impact of Oliver Stone's film JFK there's a person in the room who played a an influential role in the

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who played a an influential role in the content of particular parts of the film and without whom I think the film might not have been as impactful and his name is dr. John Newman he's in the corn over here and we should thank him I have very brief remarks prepared which I will read and I'm sure it will be very impressive the devil is in the details and anyone with an interest in studying President Kennedy's assassination will find details in numbers and on a scale of varying magnitudes that might easily overwhelm the collection and chain of possession of evidence from three crime scenes the medical evidence associated with Parkland Hospital the security preparations and performance of duties by the Dallas Police the Secret Service the president's military autopsy and the records of that event Lee Harvey Oswald's strange history Russia Castro New Orleans Mexico City the CIA the FBI the Warren Commission and that's only up through 1964 hundreds of names thousands of alleged facts millions upon millions of words competing for our attention and requiring our necessary judgment is this important is this true more than 50 years later details relating to the death of President Kennedy have accumulated like snowflakes in a blizzard so many different pieces of so many different puzzles and no instructions about how they might ultimately fit together except through our own diligence and reflection speaking before Princeton University's graduating class of 1954 in an address titled the educated citizen Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson said this we in our country have indeed placed all of our faith all of our hopes upon the education the intelligence and the understanding of our people we have said

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understanding of our people we have said that ours is a government conducted by its citizens and from this it follows that the government will be better conducted if its citizens are educated it's as simple as that we believe that the people will find their way to the right solution given sufficient information governor Stevenson

concluded we believe with Lincoln why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate judgment of the people nearly 10 years later on November 29th 1963 President Johnson announced the creation of the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy which would forever be known as the Warren Commission its final report presented to the President on November 24th 1964 made public three days later declared that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in the attack which resulted in the death of President Kennedy and the wounding of Texas Governor John Connally and that Jack Ruby had acted alone in murdering Oswald so our topic for the next couple of days is criticism Winston Churchill said criticism may not be agreeable but it is necessary it fulfills the same function as pain in the human body it calls attention to an unhealthy state of things Warren Commission member and future President Gerald Ford described the report by claiming the monumental record of the President's Commission will stand like a Gibraltar of factual literature through the ages to come 30 years later after an ocean of dissent and criticism of the official findings Norman Mailer compared the Commission's work to a dead whale decomposing on a beach the late Harold Weisberg quoted Warren Commission members Senator Richard Russell as saying very simply we have not been told the truth about Oswald in 1998 in a chapter titled the problem of secrecy in the solution of the JFK act the assassination records

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the JFK act the assassination records Review Board which was created to collect and review the documents relating to the assassination pointed out in its final report doubts about the Warren Commission's findings were not restricted to ordinary citizens well before 1978 President Johnson Robert Kennedy at least four of the seven members of the Warren Commission all are take you later if sometimes off-the-record some level of skepticism about the Commission's basic findings and today in the year 2014 a majority of Americans share that skepticism we are going to take a brief intermission when we return so this is sort of the second inning break so those of you who have lost feeling in your legs because you're freezing you should stand up and give yourselves another hand for being with us thank you so much for caring enough to put your money where your mouth is we'll be back in just a few moments

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